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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AFFAIR

1. DIET "INVESTIGATORS" HAVE DESCENDED ON WASHINGTON. THUS FAR WE HAVE MET WITH ONLY SATO AND NAGASUE. SUMMARY OF THESE CONVERSATIONS FOLLOWS:

2. IN MEETINGS WITH HABIB AND EA/J BUNSEI SATO WENT OVER THE MULTIPARTY SESSION WITH SENATOR CHURCH ON FEB. 10. SATO SAID THAT HE POSED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO CHURCH:
A. DO YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF INCUMBENT CABINETS;OR GOJ OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RECEIVED LOCKHEED MONEY? ANSWER : NO.

B. DOES THE SUBCOMMITTEE PLAN TO RELEASE NAMES OF GOJ OFFICIALS WHO ARE IMPLICATED? ANSWER: NO

C. IF NOT WILL SUBCOMMITTEE STATE THAT NAMELESS "POLITICIANS" OR "GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" ARE INVOLVED?
ANSWER: NO. SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NO SUCH EVIDENCE.

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D. MARUBENI DENIES RECEIVING MONEY FROM LOCKHEED FOR "POLITICAL INFLUENCING". WILL THE SUBCOMMITTEE FURTHER

INVESTIGATE THIS QUESTION? ANSWER: NO. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT THE TESTIMONY GIVEN BY LOCKHEED.

3. SATO TOLD HABIB THAT KOTCHIAN HAD INFORMED HIM IN LOS ANGELES THAT COMMITTEE HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT PROVIDED TO SEC (AND UNDER PROTECTIVE COURT ORDER) CONTAINING NAMES OF JAPANESE POLITICIANS AND OFFICIALS INVOLVED. SATO EXPRESSED CONCERN AND SAID THAT WHILE THE LDP WOULD SEEK TO "CLARIFY" THE ISSUE IN THE DIET, AT THE SAME TIME IT HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT ITS POSITION. IN ANY CASE HE PREDICTED THAT "THERE WOULD BE BLOOD ON THE FLOOR" BEFORE IT WAS OVER. HE SAID THAT THE OPPOSITION WAS LIKELY TO PRESS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR INFORMATION WHICH IN TURN WOULD ASK THE STATE DEPARTMENT. SATO SAID THAT OPPOSITION PARTY "INVESTIGATORS" HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED STRONG CRITICISM TO ARITA THAT GOJ EMBASSY WAS NOT DOING ENOUGH TO GET INFORMATION. HABIB NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT A PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM AND THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD ULTIMATELY DECIDE WHAT INFORMATION IT WISHED TO RELEASE. HE ASKED SATO TO EXPLAIN TO HIS COLLEAGUES THAT CONGRESS, NOT THE DEPARTMENT HAD THE INFORMATION AND THAT STATE WAS NOT REALLY INVOLVED. HABIB ADDED THAT WE STRONGLY SHARED SATO'S HOPE THAT US-JAPAN RELATIONS WOULD NOT BE DAMAGED BY THIS AFFAIR.

4. ON FEB. 11 NAGASUE CALLED ON DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY GLEYSTEN. NAGASUE SAID THAT LDP HAD TWO PATHS IT COULD FOLLOW: ATTEMPT TO RIDE OUT STORM OR MOVE TO "CUT AWAY" THOSE IMPLICATED. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LDP WOULD CHOOSE LATTER COURSE. HE ADDED THAT LEGISLATION WOULD LIKELY BE INTRODUCED IN DIET NEXT WEEK DEMANDING THAT GOJ ASK USG FOR NAMES OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS INVOLVED AND SAID THAT THIS WOULD PUT STATE DEPARTMENT IN DIFFICULT POSITION. GLEYSTEN RESPONDED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD ASSIST GOJ IN ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION BUT COULD ONLY SERVE AS CONDUIT FOR REQUESTS FROM GOJ TO CONGRESS. NAGASUE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD DEPARTMENT'S POSITION, BUT IN JAPANESE CONFIDENTIAL

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EYES STATE DEPARTMENT HAD GREAT POWER AND IF INFORMATION WAS NOT FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL GOJ REQUEST, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE REGARDED AS COLLABORATING WITH GOJ TO PROTECT LDP LEADERS. NAGASUE ADDED THAT THE LDP WAS LIKE THE MYTHICAL EIGHT HEADED SNAKE: TWO HEADS HAVE BEEN EATEN BY LOCKHEED, BUT NO ONE YET KNOWS WHICH TWO.

5. PRESS AND DIET VISITORS' ATTENTION HAS THUS FAR

FOCUSED ON THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE.JSP AND OTHER
OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE, HOWEVER, REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH
SEC, AND PRESS ATTENTION APPEARS TO BE SHIFTING IN THIS

DIRECTION.

6. JSP DELEGATION WILL SEE GLEYSTEN MORNING FEB. 12.
SO FAR JCP INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT ASKED FOR MEETINGS WITH
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. INGERSOLL

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